

National Infant Immunization Week April 22-29, 2006

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Vaccination: an act of love



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At A Glance

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to promote the benefits of immunizations and to focus on the importance of immunizing infants against vaccine-preventable diseases by age two. Since 1994, *NIIW* has provided an excellent opportunity for local and state health departments, national immunization partners, healthcare providers, and community leaders from across the country to highlight the positive impact of immunization on the lives of infants and children and to call attention to immunization achievements.

This year *NIIW* will again be held in conjunction with the Pan American Health Organization's *Vaccination Week in the Americas (VWA)*, April 22-29. The United States through *NIIW* will support *VWA* with a public awareness campaign to promote the importance of immunizing children before the age of two. The U.S. will join together with 35 countries in the Western Hemisphere to concurrently promote the need for routine vaccinations for infants and children during the last week in April.

Bi-national awareness and education events in sister city sites along the US-Mexico border are being planned this year to celebrate *NIIW* and *VWA* in partnership with PAHO, US-Mexico Border Health Commission (USMBHC), CDC, state and local health departments, and other immunization partners. These border communities will join over 500 communities from across the United States to participate in *NIIW* and *VWA* by planning community awareness and media events to promote infant immunizations to parents, caregivers, healthcare providers, and their communities.

Join in the celebration—create your own *NIIW* event and help to ensure that all children in your community and throughout the Western Hemisphere have a healthy and safe childhood free from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Please visit www.cdc.gov/nip for additional information on *NIIW* and *VWA*.